

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Medical Assistants \(31-9092\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Home Health Aides \(31-1011\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)
Associated Occupation: Home Health Aides (31-1011)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Psychology	6.4	13.2	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	9.2	12.5	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	7.6	6.0	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)
Associated Occupation: Home Health Aides (31-1011)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Service Orientation	7.9	10.7	10.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	10.6	11.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	9.0	9.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Instructing	7.8	8.4	8.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)
Associated Occupation: Home Health Aides (31-1011)

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Trunk Strength	5.7	9.0	7.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	7.9	3.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	7.6	4.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	7.4	4.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Strength	3.5	6.1	2.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	6.1	3.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)
Associated Occupation: Home Health Aides (31-1011)

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Administer medications or treatments	46
Collect specimens from patients	82
Lift or transport ill or injured patients	69
Maintain dental or medical records	64
Observe patient condition	48
Position patient for therapy	70
Prepare patients for tests, therapy, or treatments	70
Set up patient care equipment	75
Take vital signs	56
Weigh patients	75
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 69

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)
Associated Occupation: Home Health Aides (31-1011)

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Data management and query software	1
Enema administration supplies	31
Industry specific software	1
Network applications software	1
Oxygen therapy delivery systems and devices	13
Patient transport products	18

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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